

**A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ROUTING CALLS  
BASED ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF  
THE CALLING PARTY OR CALLING LINE**

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          A method and apparatus for routing calls for a subscriber  
based on the identification of the calling party or the originating line.  
Generally, the present invention operates to identify a calling party or  
10   originating line and then select a routing list based on this identification.  
Once a routing list has been selected, the call will be routed to the  
destination in the routing list. More specifically, when a call is received,  
an inquiry is made regarding the identity of the calling party or calling  
line. If the identification can be determined, then an attempt to retrieve  
15   a routing list associated with this identification is made. If a routing list  
has been provided for the identified party or line, the routing list will be  
retrieved. If a routing list has not been provided for the identified party  
or line, a default routing list will be selected for routing the call.